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OFFICIAL PROBE IN MINE WAR STARTED

Georgia Woman May Be Hanged as Protest Against Suffrage

SENTENCE GIVEN DESPITE PLEA OF HER PROSECUTOR

State Asked for Life Imprisonment of Woman Who Killed Husband After Turbulent Life.

NAME OF CHIVALROUS STATE IS AT STAKE

Women Should Pay Same Penalty as Man, Foreman of Jury Declares.

By Dudley A. Siddall
ATLANTA, Ga. — Twelve southern men have voted to hang a woman.

This is in Georgia, a state famous for the chivalry of its men toward its women.

Date of her execution is set for July 23th.

Good grounds exist for the statement of Col. William Schley Howard, prominent Atlanta lawyer, that women are tumbling from their man-created pedestals and must pay the same penalty for crime as men because of—

Woman suffrage and invasion of men's fields in business!

He cites Georgia's well-known antipathy toward the suffrage movement, in interpreting the verdict in the case of Mrs. Cora Vinson. She shot and killed her husband, Dr. W. D. Vinson in his Atlanta office last March.

"I have never asked a jury to send a woman to the gallows," said Solicitor General John A. Boykin to the jury, "and I won't start now. Therefore, I ask a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy." This request was, in effect, for a life sentence.

Jury Orders Death
Yet the jury returned with a verdict of guilty without a recommendation for mercy. There was nothing for Judge John D. Humphries to do but sentence Mrs. Vinson to hang.

Lawyers, officials and citizens were amazed at the action of the jurors. As such crimes go, this was no more shocking than scores for which women have been freed or sent to prison. Only once 50 years ago, has a white woman been hanged in Georgia.

"I believe," said the foreman of the jury, "that a woman should pay the same penalty for crime as a man. There have been recently several atrocious murders of husbands by their wives. The women have often off with light sentences, owing to the fact that a prison term for life means the convict is eligible for a parole after three years. The jurors felt it their duty to bring in this verdict."

FLASHES

WASHINGTON—Chile has indicated to the American state department her willingness to accept in principle the compromise plan suggested by Secretary Hughes for arbitration of the Chilean-Peruvian dispute over Tacna-Arica.

KANSAS CITY.—The attendance yesterday of accredited delegates to the 16th quadrennial convention of the International School Association in progress here reached 6,500. It was estimated by the registration committee. It is expected to go above those figures today, the third of a series of meetings.

OTTAWA—One person is known to have been killed and additional loss of life is feared in a terrific storm that swept Manitoba early today causing extensive property damage.

GREAT MEN ILL

LONDON.—Lord Northcliffe, one of the world's leading journalists, is reported slightly improved after his attack of illness early last week. It was announced this morning.

LONDON.—A Central News dispatch from Berlin reports that Foreign Minister Tschirch of the Soviet Russia has been taken ill. His condition, the message says is regarded as rather serious.

LONDON.—Gabriele d'Annunzio has been taken suddenly ill and has undergone an operation, according to a Home dispatch to the Central News.

WOMEN RUNNING ALSO



FORT WORTH, Texas.—A husband and wife, a brother and his sister are in the race for seats in congress from the state of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Ferguson seek to represent the Lone Star commonwealth in the United States senate. Thomas L. and Miss Annie Webb Blanton want seats in the lower house at Washington.

There is this difference—only one of the Fergusons can win; both of the Blantons may do so.

At present the quartet are candidates in the democratic state primaries.

"Farmer Jim" Ferguson was governor, but lost his office through impeachment proceedings. Nevertheless, he has strength, especially among the farmers. Also he favors a referendum on the question of exempting beer and light wines from the prohibition ban.

His sister is a candidate for the Denton district, for the seat left vacant by presidential candidate. For this season he feared the state committee would refuse to put his name on the primary ticket for the senate. He solved the problem by inducing his wife to become a candidate too. Her name can't be kept off the ticket. Her husband reasons that the name "Ferguson" will attract ballots, whether there's a "Mr." or a "Mrs." in front of it.

Blanton seeks to succeed himself in congress from the Abilene district. His sister is a candidate from the Denton district, for the seat left vacant by Congressman Lucian W. Parish's death.

The accompanying pictures show the Fergusons at the right; to the left, the Blantons.



TWO KILLED IN WEST VIRGINIA MINE TROUBLES

Mob Attacks Car in Which
Strikebreakers are Going
to Work; Second Gang
at Fairmont.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—Two were killed, a deputy sheriff suffered a broken arm and a dozen other persons received minor injuries when a mob attacked an interurban traction car carrying non-union miners and officers of the Hudson Coal Company, guarded by deputy sheriffs from this city to the Lewis mine near Reynoldsville this morning. The mob stopped the car, pulled off the trolley and swarmed aboard. Two of the attacking party were shot as they crawled through windows. The mine was opened on an open shop basis Monday.

FAIRMONT, W. Va.—A crowd of men, which the authorities estimated at 400, marched through the principal streets of Fairmont this morning across the Monongahela river to the east side of the city. County officials watched the situation in reports that they were held for working coal mines near Fairmont.

Another accident which might have proven serious had not medical aid been summoned immediately, occurred at the intersection of Main and Scott streets, Friday morning just before the noon hour.

Mrs. A. C. Tillie, 65, was walking across the street when a truck, driven by a Mrs. Cowan of Berwyn, hit her, knocking her to the ground, causing several cuts on the back of the head and breaking the right clavicle.

R. S. Hayden, who was sitting on the front porch of his home, 712 West Main street saw the accident and carried the aged woman into his home while awaiting the arrival of an ambulance. Mrs. Tillie is now at the Hardy sanitarium where examinations are being made. No serious developments are expected to set in, according to reports sent out from the sanitarium Friday noon.

Mrs. Tillie makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. L. Keel, 1415 West Main street.

No More Promotions.
WASHINGTON.—Suspension of promotion of all army officers below the grade of colonel, effective at once, was understood to have been decided upon by the senate military committee today.

CHICAGO.—Denial that human glands were used in the recent operation of Harold McCormick, chairman of the executive committee of the International Harvester Company, was made today by Dr. Victor Lespinasse, the surgeon in the case.

7,000 DROWN! COULDN'T SWIM

ST. LOUIS.—More than 7,000 persons drown in the United States annually mainly because of lack of swimming knowledge, it is declared by St. Louis Safety Council which today issued a list of "don'ts" for bathers and canoeists. The "don'ts" include the following: "Don't swim on a full stomach. Don't wade into water with arms over your head. Don't cry for help in fun. Don't go in swimming alone unless you are an expert. Don't swim if you have heart trouble. Don't dive without knowledge of the depth of the water."

FORMER CHINESE MINISTER DEAD

Wu Ting Fang was Leader
in Orient for Many Years;
Died at Canton on
Friday.

SHANGHAI.—Wu Ting Fang, former minister to Washington, more recently foreign minister for Sun Yat Sen in the disputed southern republican government at Canton, died at Canton this morning, according to a reuter dispatch.

Wu, an outstanding leader in politics and jurisprudence of China for many years, remained at last reports loyal to Sun Yat Sen, and was believed to have fled, Canton with the deposed dispatch gave no details.

CHILD WELFARE SEVERAL HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS

Mrs. E. M. Barrett, formerly with the state department at Austin, Texas, arrived in Ardmore, Thursday. Mrs. Barrett is here in the interest of child welfare, an educational and ethical movement to combat the crime wave that is sweeping the world among the younger people. She expects to be here for several days.

ASKS PROBE OF ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN NOW

Woodruff Charges Maladministration, Discrimination and Payment of Excessive Fees; Denial Made.

WASHINGTON.—Introduced by Representative Woodruff, republican, Michigan, with the declaration charging maladministration, discrimination and payment of excessive attorney's fees by the officers of the alien property custodian have been so frequent that they cannot be ignored without grave injury to the good name of our country, a resolution was pending in the house today proposing a congressional investigation.

The aggregate value of the properties held by the custodians, as shown by the latest report, "was nearly a quarter of a billion dollars less than we might reasonably expect to find here," Mr. Woodruff asserted that only impartial investigation would disclose the cause of this "shrinkage."

Mr. Woodruff's speech was followed by a prompt denial by Thomas W. Miller, the alien property custodian of his charges that disproportionate fees had been paid to attorneys, that trusts had been disposed of at unreasonably low prices and that there had been discrimination in the release of enemy property while that to which title is held by American citizens remained sequestered. If any mistakes had been made under his inquiry he said, he stood ready to testify such as were brought to his attention.

WALTER HAGEN WINS BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP OF SANDWICH

SANDWICH.—Walter Hagen the American professional golf star, won the British open championship today.

H. H. Johnson and L. S. Leachman both of the Leachman-Johnson Motor Company, spent Thursday in Halditon on business.

24 WITNESSES TO TESTIFY AT GOSS HEARING

The Last Statement of Nat Shivers is Principal Evidence in Murder Case Before Butcher.

VICTIM TRIED TO RUN, HE DECLARED

Second attempt Hearing Finds Big Gathering of Friends of Two Men.

County Attorney J. E. Brilow will make a rigid attempt to make charges of murder stick against Bud Goss, charged with the slaying of Nat Shivers on Main street, Sunday afternoon, when the case comes before Justice of the Peace D. W. Butcher at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the second attempt at preliminary hearing. Continuance was granted Wednesday upon failure to subpoena two state witnesses.

With all witnesses for the state ready for the trial coupled with announcement that the deathbed story of Shivers will be introduced this afternoon.

Witness Subpoenaed.

Witnesses who will be introduced this afternoon by J. E. Brilow, county attorney, are: "Snow" McKinney, constable of Morgan township; Bob Short, deputy sheriff; Art Naylor, Rupert Martin, J. D. Clommons, Jim Carter, Budford, John Wright, C. Adkins, J. H. McNeese, Ben White, Cal Stewart and H. S. Brown.

Witnesses who will be introduced by James H. Mathers, attorney for the defense are: Horace Kendall, "Hoppy" De Witt, Ed Chancellor, Raymond Garrett, Dave Halley, E. W. Schenk, Dennis Camp, P. Stokes, Bill Brown, and Gus Kemp.

Shivers' Statement.

The deathbed statement, secured a few hours before Shivers died Monday, and which will be introduced today is as follows:

"Q—What is your name?

"A—Nat Shivers.

"Q—Do you realize you are nearing death and in view of the fact do you wish to state how you received your wound?

"A—Yes, I realize I am near death and have no hope for my recovery and I wish to make a statement. I was walking up this street of Ardmore, the thoroughfare, I saw this man, Bud Goss, that I had had a lot of trouble with. I saw Bud I have not a gun. He threw his gun on me. I started to run and he shot me in the shoulder and back. He told me three or four days ago that he was going to kill me. I had him prosecuted for breaking up my home and happiness. (Signed) "NAT SHIVERS."

STRIKE VOTE MAY DECIDE CHARGES

If Shopmen Show Favor Before Hearing, Prosecution Will be Useless, Federation Secretary Says.

CHICAGO.—Thirty charges against a score of railroads for alleged illegal contracting of railroad labor to avoid wage orders of the United States railroad labor board, may go without prosecution next Monday when the cases are called, if the results of the shopmen's strike vote is determined before that date.

The shop workers are now voting on a triple barred strike proposition, including the question of farming out car and locomotive shops to contractors. By this practice, the employees claim, they are deprived of their seniority rights, since they cease to be in the employ of the railroad, lose their past privileges, rates of pay and working conditions established by road agreements, and by the labor board.

If the strike vote shows a majority in favor of striking over this question, the employees will have no further interest in the case now before the board and will not appear, according to John Scott, secretary of the American Federation of labor.

TWO BANK BANDITS CAUGHT —IN JAIL AT NORMAN

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Jack Parker, 24, and Roy Stuart, 19, who were caught by a posse near here late yesterday while trying to escape with approximately \$3,000 in cash which they obtained in a daylight holdup of the First National Bank at Moore, 12 miles south of here, were taken to Norman, Cleveland county, to face charges of bank robbery.

J. C. Clopton, manager of Hotel Ardmore is in Fort Worth, Texas, on business.

BANDIT CAUGHT



Fred Brown.

Fred Brown, alias Gus Grimes, Omaha "chain bandit," shot and captured near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, June 17, after a spectacular pursuit through Nebraska and Wyoming in stolen auto mobiles since May 27. This photograph was taken at the Wyoming penitentiary at Rawlins immediately after Brown's wound, a clean hole through the body just above the heart, had been dressed. On May 27 Brown kidnapped two women at Omaha, locked them together with a log chain about their necks and held them captive for three days. A passing motorist, responding to the women's cries, was also captured and held prisoner two days. Brown was digging a grave for the man when the latter managed to escape. Brown fled, stealing auto after auto and for more than a fortnight kept officers chasing along his criss-crossing trail. At Sidney, Neb., he captured a deputy sheriff and the town marshal, bound them with their own suspenders and escaped into Wyoming. Four days later he was run down, his auto having bogged. He was shot while running for cover.

PLACING THE BLAME

WASHINGTON.—The coal strike situation and particularly the disorders in southern Illinois was understood to have largely occupied the attention of the cabinet at today's meeting. Secretary of Labor Davis conferred with President Harding for some time after the meeting and it was indicated that the department of labor would have a statement to make soon with regard to the disorder.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—President John H. Walker, of the Illinois Federation of Labor issued a statement this morning blaming the "forces of greed that profited so shamelessly during the war," for the mine rioting at Herrin.

CHICAGO.—W. J. Lester, president of the Southern Illinois Coal company, owners of the Herrin strip mine, where the massacre of non-union workers took place yesterday, declared here today he could not account for the outbreak at the mine and that his chief concern now was to care for the families of the victims.

CINCINNATI.—John L. Lewis, in a statement here today declared the United Mine Workers of America are not to any degree responsible for the unfortunate occurrences at Herrin, Ill. He said the organization, of which he is president, never encouraged or condoned lawlessness.

FIRST LOT WEEVILS BROUGHT IN BOTTLE

And now they're bringing 'em to town bottled and preserved. The cent-a-piece campaign instituted by the Ardmore business men in ridding the county of many of the destructive cotton pests has already brought a response from the farmers.

A cotton farmer proudly displayed the results of his first raid on the boll weevils this morning to an interested group of farmers and bystanders on Main when he produced a small bottle containing 50 or 60 of the imprisoned little devils. Not able to destroy any more cotton, these little prisoners were fighting among themselves and thus passing the time until executioner Ringer, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, should administer capital punishment.

PIONEER CITIZEN DIES AT HOSPITAL

After a lingering illness, J. T. Orr, pioneer citizen of Ardmore, died at the Hardy sanitarium late Friday afternoon.

Mr. Orr, who was 85 years of age, lived in Ardmore more than 30 years and was well known both in business circles and politics. He had been ill in the sanitarium since May 14.

CASUALTY LIST CONTINUES TO GROW IN NIGHT

Numerous Stories of Horrors of Massacre Told in "Bloody" Wilson County; Jeer Wounded.

STATE TROOPS READY TO MOVE IF NEEDED

Little Information Available as to How War Started; "Just Dropped Dead."

WASHINGTON.—Declaration that those responsible for the southern Illinois mine disorders should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, was made today by Secretary of Labor Davis in a statement issued after consulting with President Harding. The secretary said one of the unfortunate features of the orders of which the department of labor deeply deplored was that the death of the score or more of workers accomplished nothing toward settlement of the strike.

WAUKEGAN, Ills.—Governor Len Small at noon today received a telegram from Col. Samuel N. Hunter, representative of the adjutant general at Herrin, placing the blame for the rioting which led to the massacre of more than 35 non-union workers on the shoulders of the Williamson county officials.

HERRIN, Ill.—Official investigation of the mine war which killed from 21 to 45 near here began today in response to insistent demands from Governor Len Small for action by local authorities when Coroner McGowan announced that an inquest would be held immediately, and state's attorney de Louis Duty stated that a special grand jury would be convened following the request to investigate the matter.

The state's attorney expressed doubt that any definite results would be obtained through the investigation, saying that it was virtually impossible to obtain evidence. He insisted, however, that every possible step would be taken and telegraphed Governor Small an official statement to that effect.

Prepares for Probe

"Bloody" Williamson county, so called because of many acts of violence in recent times, most of them accompanied by numerous fatalities, is preparing for an official probe in connection with the massacre at Lester strip mine.

An inquest into the deaths is expected today, Coroner McGowan saying that he hoped today to have time to get to his feature of the affair.

So far as the number was concerned here still was little but speculation. A score or more were in morgues; news paper men previously had counted 26 bodies in the woods and roads; one man died in a hospital; Frank Farrington, state president of the miners, announced that his official reports showed 44 killed; citizens still brought in reports of bodies lying around the country, but through all of it, there was no way of fixing a definite number.

Number Unknown

In the wounded list there were 15 in the Herrin hospital, three reported in the Cordell hospital and a number of other union striking miners—believed to be lying in their homes. There was little question that the exact number of dead never will be known. A dozen or so were believed to be at the bottom of a pond. No one seemed inclined to drag the pond; no searching parties have been organized to seek bodies in the woods.

All reports, whether from miners or from strike breakers or mine operators—agree that the killings really were a massacre; that the victims were shot down in cold blood after they had put up the flag and surrendered themselves and their arms to the attacking forces. (Continued on Page Three.)

MEXICAN SCARED, COMMITTS SUICIDE

Four Foreigners Believed to Be Strikebreakers From Herrin; Mob Advised Moving Along.

WEST FRANKFORD, Ills.—Four Mexicans believed to have been members of the band of strike breakers operating in the strip mines of the Southern Coal Company near Herrin, who were found loitering near the railroad station near here this morning were forced to leave town by a mob of several hundred men. One of the quartet apparently committed suicide.

After the presence of the four men became known the mob quickly formed and started the four out of town. Near the Chicago and Eastern Illinois coal chutes, a short distance from town the mob dispersed. One of the Mexicans who became terrified, climbed to the top of the coal chute, about 50 feet in the air and leaped to the ground. His neck was broken. The names of the men could not be learned.